

CHAPTER NO. 804

HOUSE BILL NO. 2921

By Representatives Scroggs, Newton, Hargrove, Langster, McDonald, Davidson, Bone, Hood, Goins, Godsey, Todd, McDaniel, David Davis, Black, Wood, Bunch, Hagood, Buttry, Hassell, Baird, Walker, Hargett, Beavers, Maddox, Fitzhugh, Whitson, Bittle, Boyer, McCord, Odom, Montgomery, McMillan, Briley and Mr. Speaker Naifeh

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2510

By Senators Herron, Burks, Blackburn, Williams, Kurita

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, relative to a victim's right to a speedy trial.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 38, is amended by adding the following as a new appropriately designated section:

40-38-____. (a) In any criminal proceeding in which a continuance is requested, the court shall consider the victim's views and the victim's right to a speedy trial. If the continuance is granted over the victim's objection, the court shall state on the record the reason for the continuance and the procedures that have been taken to avoid further delays.

(b) In determining a date for any criminal trial or other important criminal hearing, the court shall consider the interests of the victim's right to a speedy trial.

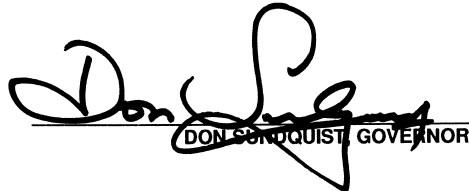
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 15, 2000


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of May 2000


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR